



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5179

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**AN ACT CONCERNING MENTAL HEALTH ASSESSMENTS AND
TREATMENT PLANS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN THE CARE OR
CUSTODY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (e) of section 17a-6 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3 *1, 2005*):

4 (e) Insure that all children under the commissioner's supervision or
5 custody have adequate (1) food, clothing [,] and shelter, [and
6 adequate] (2) medical [,] and dental services, (3) psychiatric [,] and
7 psychological [,] services, including a uniform, comprehensive,
8 multidisciplinary child and family assessment as well as an
9 individualized mental health assessment of the child at the time such
10 child comes under the commissioner's supervision or custody and
11 clinically appropriate services based on plans developed from such
12 assessments, and (4) social, religious and other services.

13 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 46b-121k of the general statutes is
14 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
15 *1, 2005*):

16 (a) The Court Support Services Division shall be charged with the
17 duty of developing constructive programs for the prevention and

reduction of delinquency and crime among juvenile offenders. To that end, the executive director of the Court Support Services Division shall cooperate with other agencies to encourage the establishment of new programs and to provide a continuum of services for juvenile offenders who do not require secure placement. The programs shall be tailored to the type of juvenile including the juvenile's offense history, age, gender, mental health and chemical dependency problem, and other characteristics. The Court Support Services Division shall develop programs that provide: (1) Intensive general educational programs, with an individual educational plan for each juvenile; (2) specific educational components in the management of anger and nonviolent conflict resolution; (3) treatment for chemical dependency; (4) uniform, comprehensive, multidisciplinary mental health screening, assessment and treatment; and (5) sexual offender treatment.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	July 1, 2005	17a-6(e)
Sec. 2	July 1, 2005	46b-121k(a)

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